# A BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT FOR THE SOURIS MINOR SUBDIVISION TPM 20820, VALLEY CENTER APN 189-012-68 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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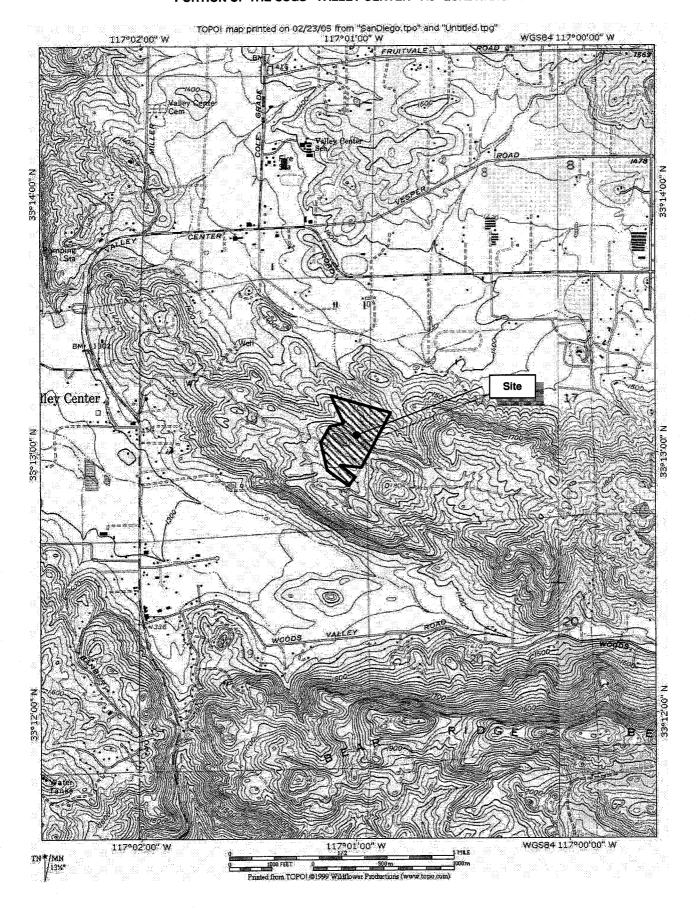
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FIGURE 1. REGIONAL LOCATION - THE TPM 2020820 SUBDIVISION PROJECT PORTION OF THE USGS "VALLEY CENTER" 7.5' QUADRANGLE



#### INTRODUCTION

This report addresses biological resources, project impacts, and RPO/CEQA (Resource Protection Ordinance/California Environmental Quality Act) compatibility for the Souris Minor Subdivision Project, Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20820. The project involves the approximately 39-acre Souris property (APN 189-012-68) located off Calle de Vista in the Valley Center area of unincorporated San Diego County (Figure 1).

#### PROJECT AND SITE DESCRIPTION

Approval of the TPM 20820 project would result in the creation of four new legal parcels. Three new dwelling units would presumably be built; one on each new parcel (one dwelling unit currently exists on proposed parcel 3), although this application does not include any proposed grading or site improvements, and no offsite improvements are currently proposed. A temporary security guard residence is proposed for the northern portion of the site. Primary access to the property would be from the northwest off Calle de Vista.

The TPM 20820 property is located in a rural part of San Diego County, although there are homes in the vicinity, including homes on adjoining parcels. Other areas in the vicinity of the property support similar habitats, including agriculture, chaparral, sage scrub, and development.

Most of the property supports native vegetation, including scrub, chaparral, and riparian vegetation. Also present are disturbed habitat areas, including several dirt roads, an existing single family home, a trailer, etc. A significant drainage runs across the northeastern corner of the property. A second drainage is found on the southeastern portion of the site. Both of these drainages support riparian vegetation, although the habitat is best developed on the northern portion of the property. Elevations onsite range between approximately 1,410 feet MSL and 1,735 feet MSL. Soil types found onsite include Fallbrook sandy loam, Cieneba course sandy loam, and Visalia sandy loam soils. These soil-types are not known to support significant populations of narrow endemics or other very rare plants or animals.

#### **PURPOSE OF STUDY**

The purpose of this study was to inventory the property for biological resources, identify and map all onsite habitats, and search for signs of rare, endangered, threatened, or otherwise sensitive plants or animals which are known from the area, and which could occur here. These data were used in an assessment of biological resource values. This analysis allows a determination of project-related direct and indirect impacts, as required by the CEQA and the RPO, and mitigation, if appropriate and necessary. It is expected that the development of the property and associated improvements will result in measurable losses of biological resource values, necessitating mitigation.

#### **METHODS**

Field surveys of the TPM 20820 property were completed in May of 2002 and October of 2004. The specific dates, personnel, and weather conditions are presented in Table 1. Investigators included the author (VS) and Shannon M. Allen, Biological Consultant (SA):

Table 1. Field Surveys - The TPM 20820 Project Site

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	Personnel	<u>Conditions</u>
7 May 2002	14:45– 16:00	VS	overcast skies, temps in the mid 60°s, no wind
5 Oct 2004	14:00-16:45	VS, SA	clear skies, temps in the mid 80°s, light westerly wind 5 MPH

All plants, animals and habitats encountered during the survey periods were noted in the field. A spring biological survey and wetland survey was completed by Andrew Pigniolo and Jane Higginson in May of 2004. Field data accumulated during that survey are incorporated into this report. The limits of each habitat-type were mapped in the field utilizing an aerial photograph of the property. All plants and animals identified in association with the property are listed in Table 2 at the end of this report. Plants were identified *in situ*, or based on characteristic floral parts collected and later examined in detail. Floral nomenclature used in this letter follows Hickman (1993) and others. Plant communities, as designated by numerical code, follow Holland (1996, as amended).

Wildlife observations were made opportunistically. Binoculars were used to aid in observations and all wildlife species detected were noted. Animal nomenclature used in this report is taken from Stebbins (1985) for reptiles and amphibians, American Ornithologist's Union (1983, as updated) for birds, and Jones, et. al (1992) for mammals.

#### **RESULTS**

#### **Habitats**

The majority of the TPM 20820 property supports native upland vegetation. Also present are disturbed habitat areas, including several dirt roads, a single family home, a trailer, etc. The onsite habitats (see attached Vegetation Exhibit, Figure 2) include the following:

#### Chamise Chaparral (Holland Code 37200) - 23.8 acres

The majority of the property supports Chamise-dominated Chaparral vegetation. This habitat is indicated by Chamise (Adenostoma fasciculatum), Mission Manzanita (Xylococcus bicolor), occasional wild lilacs (Ceanothus

leucodermis, C. tomentosus, C. greggii), and other woody shrubs. Chaparral dominates the higher elevations and the northern slopes of the property, with a smaller stand at the western edge of proposed parcel #4. Much of the chaparral shows signs of having been cleared and planted many years ago. Still present in the habitat are dead avocado trees and tree stakes, old irrigation lines, and grove access roads (most of which are still traversable). Brushed Chamise Chaparral is found on the slopes immediately north of the new home located on proposed parcel #3. This area was brushed as part of fuel management to protect the new structure

#### Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub (Holland Code #32520) - 4.8 acres

The inland form of Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS) vegetation is found on the southern portion of the property on proposed parcel #4. Indicators in this habitat include Flat-top Buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*), California Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*), Laurel Sumac (*Malosma laurina*) and other soft-woody shrubs. This habitat continues offsite to the south on adjoining properties. <u>Disturbed Coastal Sage Scrub</u> is found in two places; south of Street "A" near the western portion of the property in an area that supports a small structure, ornamental plantings, etc. and near the northeastern corner of proposed parcel #4

#### Coastal Sage - Chaparral Scrub (Holland Code #37G00) - 3.6 acres

Coastal Sage - Chaparral Scrub vegetation (CSCS), an ecotonal community indicated by approximate equal number of hard-woody (chaparral) and soft-woody (CSS) species, is found on the south-facing slopes immediately north of Street "A". Indicators in this transitional community include California Sagebrush, Chamise, Mission Manzanita, Flat-top Buckwheat, and others. Coastal Sage - Chaparral Scrub is categorized as a "chaparral" habitat-type as defined by Holland (37000 series)

# Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest (Holland Code #61310) - 0.5 acres

Mature riparian forest vegetation is present in the northeastern corner of the property. Indicators in this habitat include willows (*Salix*), California Sycamores (*Platanus racemosa*), and Coast Live Oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*). Most of this habitat is actually located offsite, although the property corner supports a small amount of forest. This portion of the site may be protected in existing open space.

#### Non-native Grassland (Holland Code 42200) - 1.6 acres

Non-native Grassland (NNG) is found on the southern portion of the site in old disturbed areas that have regrown with weedy annuals. Indicators observed include various Bromes (*Bromus* spp.), Perennial Mustard (*Brassica geniculata*), and other weedy species. Some of this area appears to have been impacted by recent construction, although it is mapped as NNG for analysis purposes.

#### Southern Willow Scrub (Holland Code #63320) - 0.4 acres

Two small patches of Southern Willow Scrub vegetation are found on proposed parcel #4. This habitat is indicated by small stands of willows growing in a seasonally-wet area along an RPO wetland (see below). The more northerly stand has been disturbed with a small vegetable garden, trenching, etc.

#### Tamarisk Scrub (Holland Code #63810) - trace

A tiny patch of Tamarisk Scrub vegetation is found on the southern portion of the property within the RPO wetland. This habitat is indicated by Salt Cedar (*Tamarix*), a non-native wetland tree. Only a trace amount (approximately 0.02 acre) of this habitat is found onsite.

#### Urban/Developed (Holland Code #12000) - 2.4 acres

"A" Street, which forms the site's access road off Calle de Vista, qualifies as supporting Urban/Developed habitat. Developed habitat is also found in association with the new home on the eastern edge of the site, surrounding the small structure at the western end of the site, and offsite to the southeast on the adjoining property. These areas are mostly unvegetated or planted with ornamental landscape species.

#### Disturbed Habitat (Holland Code #11300) - 1.9 acres

The site contains several dirt roads and small pads that qualify as supporting Disturbed Habitat. These areas support only low weeds and/or barren soil. As mentioned, much of the property was formerly planted as a failed grove, and these mostly represent the residual cleared areas associated with this operation.

# Orchards and Vineyards (Holland Code #18100) - offsite

Groves are located offsite to the northwest and southeast. These areas qualify as supporting Orchards and Vineyards habitat.

#### **Plants**

One hundred and nineteen species of vascular plants were detected on the TPM 20820 property. This includes spring annuals that were detected in May of 2004. The plant species observed typify the diversity normally found in chaparral, scrub, riparian, and disturbed areas in the interior part of San Diego County. A complete list of the plants detected, listed alphabetically, can be found in Table 2, attached. This list would be expected to represent at least 80 percent of the naturalized plants occurring on this site.

#### **Animals**

Forty-one species of animals were observed using the project site. These are generally common species, abundant in the site's general vicinity. Animals observed onsite are listed in Table 2, attached. Six of the animals observed are considered sensitive in San Diego County. These are discussed subsequently.

#### SENSITIVE RESOURCES

#### **Sensitive Vegetation Communities**

Vegetation communities (habitats) are generally considered "sensitive" if; (a) they are recognized by the County's Resource Protection Ordinance as being generally depleted; (b) they are considered rare within the region by local experts, (c) they are known to support sensitive animal or plant species; and/or (d) they are known to serve as important wildlife corridors. These sensitive habitats are typically depleted throughout their known ranges, or are highly localized and/or fragmented.

The following habitats found on the TPM 20820 site are considered sensitive:

- · Chamise Chaparral
- Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub
- Coastal Sage Chaparral Scrub
- Southern Willow Scrub
- Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest

All of these habitats are of moderate to high biological resource value, and/or support (or partially support) sensitive species of wildlife.

#### Wetlands

Wetland habitats are present in two disjunct areas of the site. The California Department of Fish and Gamedefined (CDFG), U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACoE), and County of San Diego (pursuant to the RPO) all define wetlands on the basis of various indicators.

Article II, (16) of the Resource Protection Ordinance defines "Wetlands" as follows.

"All lands which are transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface or where the land is covered by water. All lands having one or more of the following attributes are "wetlands":

- At least periodically, the land supports predominantly hydrophytes (plants whose habitat is water or very wet places);
- b. The substratum is predominantly undrained hydric soil; or
- c. The substratum is non soil and is saturated with water or covered by water at some time during the growing season of each year."

An RPO wetland survey was completed for this project. All drainages and low-lying areas were examined in the field for the presence of wetland indicators, including hydrophytes, hydric soils, and hydrology features that are used to define RPO wetlands. The results of this study are illustrated on the project vegetation exhibit. The areas mapped as Southern Willow Scrub, Tamarisk Scrub, and Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest qualify as RPO wetlands. However, the State of California (CDFG, others) also recognizes "wetlands" based on similar criteria to the County of San Diego pursuant to the RPO. Only one of the three criteria must be present in order to delineate an area as a "state wetland" or County-defined wetland. For this reason, all of the onsite RPO wetlands also qualify as state (CDFG) wetlands and "waters of the state".

The Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest onsite probably also qualifies as a "federal" wetland, as defined by the Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies. Identifying federal wetlands would require a formal delineation. However, because the threshold for county and state wetlands is lower than that required to identify wetlands as federally defined, any federal wetlands would be included in the areas identified as CDFG and RPO wetlands.

All measurable direct or indirect wetland impacts are subject to permitting by various state and federal agencies, as well as the County of San Diego. Impacts normally trigger the need for "no net loss" mitigation, a 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement with the CDFG, and Water Quality Certification from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board pursuant to the Clean Water Act/Porter-Cologne Act. For this reason, the onsite wetland areas are recommended for avoidance and open space protection. This is discussed in more detail subsequently.

#### Wildlife Corridor Evaluation

Local wildlife corridors are found on portions of TPM 20820 site. Local corridors facilitate wildlife movement from nesting or sheltering areas to nearby sources of food, water, or similar daily necessities. Numerous species use portions of TPM 20820 property as corridors linking seasonal water sources with on and off areas. As previously described, this property supports several unnamed drainages. Mammals recorded using this property include Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*), Coyote (*Canis latrans*), Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), and others. The presence of graded but rarely driven dirt tracks and roads through portions of the property provides ready access for large mammals, which tend to prefer open ridges, roads, and tracks to avoid areas of extremely dense brush or difficult terrain. However, wildlife does shelter in areas of dense brush or in areas with a heavy cover, as are present on the portions of the site's northern slopes.

The project as designed preserves local wildlife corridors along the northern and southern ends of the site. Local corridors are also preserved along the site's drainages. These will allow the passage of wildlife from remote areas into the northern and southern sections of the property. Because of the relatively low density of development, wildlife passage across these portions of the site should also be retained by design.

#### **Sensitive Plants**

No sensitive plants were observed on the TPM 20820 property during the field surveys. Sensitive plants are those listed as "Rare", "Endangered", "Threatened", "of Special Concern", or otherwise considered noteworthy by the MSCP, the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), or other conservation agencies, organizations, or local botanists. A number of sensitive plant species are known to occur in the general vicinity of this property, however, and some of these could occur onsite. These are listed and discussed in Table 4.

#### **Sensitive Animals**

Six species of sensitive animals were observed on the TPM 20820 project site. These are Turkey Vulture, Bewick's Wren, Bobcat, Orange-throated Whiptail, Coastal Whiptail, and San Diego Coast Horned Lizard. Sensitive animals are those listed as "Rare", "Endangered", "Threatened", "of Special Concern" or otherwise noteworthy by the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Audubon Society, the County of San Diego, or other conservation agencies, organizations, or local zoologists.

#### Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura)

Status: "Blue-list" (Tate, 1986)

"Declining" (Unitt, 1984)

Sensitive Bird List (County of San Diego, 1994)

Distribution: Ranges from southern Canada to Argentina.

Habitat(s): Open areas, farmlands, and grasslands. Usually seen soaring overhead

or perched on poles, dead trees, or on the ground

Status On site: Two specimens observed soaring over the property and adjacent lands. Nesting habitat not present onsite, therefore not anticipated as a nesting species.

#### Bewick's Wren (Thryomanes bewickii)

**Status**: "Blue List" (Tate, 1986) Federal/State status: none

Distribution: Occurs from the central and western-half of North America, from British

Columbia and Ontario to south-central Mexico.

Habitat(s): Resident in brushy thickets, chaparral, piñon, juniper, other dense

habitats

**Status On site:** Several Bewick's Wrens were observed onsite. Most were associated with brushy areas, moving about the site and flying offsite to adjoining properties to the north.

Comments: This species is a common resident in San Diego County. Specimens

probably nest onsite in dense areas.

#### Bobcat (Lynx rufus)

Status: Regulated Furbearer (CDFG, 1999).

Federal status: none

Distribution: Southern Canada to central Mexico.

**Habitat(s)**: Brushy areas, including chaparral, sage scrub, woodlands, and forests. Rarely seen during daylight hours. Secretive and often occurs on properties without being readily detected.

Status On Site: Scats and tracks observed in various areas, indicating movement throughout most of the property.

#### Orange-throated Whiptail (Cnemidophorus hyperythrus beldingi)

Status: "Threatened" (San Diego Herpetological Society, 1980)

"Species of Concern" (USFWS, 1998)

"California Species of Special Concern" (CDFG, 1994)

Sensitive Reptile List (County of San Diego, 1994)

**Distribution:** Restricted to extreme southwestern California, where it ranges from Orange and Riverside Counties south into northern Baja California.

**Habitat(s):** Occurs in a variety of habitats; CSS, CSCS, open chaparral, and xeric riparian areas. Primary requirements include the presence of termites, open areas for foraging and thermoregulation, and friable soils.

**Status On site:** Two specimens observed in the sage scrub on the southern and western ends of the property.

# Coastal Western Whiptail (Cnemidophorus tigris multiscutatus)

Status: Federal Status: "Species of Concern"

State status: none

Sensitive Reptile List (County of San Diego, 1994)

**Distribution:** Cismontane areas of California from the border to central California **Habitat(s):** Open areas in a variety of habitats, such as chaparral, sage scrub, desert

scrub. Requires open areas and friable soils.

Status On Site: Single specimens observed onsite in southern portion of site near rock outcrop. Likely well distributed on this property, and common in the vicinity of the

site.

# San Diego Coast Horned Lizard (Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillei)

Status: "Species of Concern" (USFWS, 1998)

"California Species of Special Concern" (CDFG, 1994)

Federal Status: "Species of Concern"

Sensitive Reptile List (County of San Diego, 1994)

**Distribution**: Ventura County south into northern Baja California Norte. Specimens found from sea level to mountain elevations and down desert slopes to the edge of the low desert.

Habitat(s): Open sage scrub, grassland, forested areas and chaparral.

Status On site: A single juvenile specimen was observed onsite near the northern property edge.

Other sensitive animals known from the general vicinity of the property are listed in Table 4. A few of these probably occur onsite, at least on an occasional basis, particularly certain wide-ranging foragers, such as various species of rare bats, various species of raptors, other rare reptiles etc.

#### **California Gnatcatcher Habitat Evaluation**

California Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica*), a federally-listed Threatened Species, is known from habitat superficially similar to that found on the TPM 20820 site. Gnatcatchers occur in coastal and interior areas of coastal sage and related scrub habitats typically dominated by California Sagebrush, Flat-top Buckwheat, Laurel Sumac, and other soft-woody shrubs.

A directed Habitat Evaluation for this species was completed during the October 2004 field survey. Although the site supports CSS and CSCS, which are known to supports California Gnatcatchers, the elevations onsite (ca. 1,400 to 1,700 feet MSL) are at the upper elevational limits of those normally associated with this species. Gnatcatchers normally occur at lower elevations, although they can occur at higher elevations in sheltered locations. Also, there are no locality records for this species from the vicinity, with the nearest sighting many miles to the south. The small amount of scrub vegetation found onsite (8.4 acres) would not be sufficient to support gnatcatchers in any case, and this habitat adjoins development at this location. For these reasons, the property is considered unlikely to support this threatened songbird.

#### **PROJECT IMPACTS**

Impacts to biological resources associated with the TPM 20820 project are assessed as being either "significant" or "less than significant", as defined by CEQA. The determination of impact significance is based on one or all of the following criteria:

- have a substantial adverse effect on sensitive habitats, species, or raptor foraging or wildlife movement
- reduce the ability of the County to implement existing or future conservation programs
- are out of conformance with applicable ordinances, policies and habitat conservation plans.

Anticipated impacts to habitats were calculated by determining the acreage of each habitat affected by the site development, including future grading, estimated brush clearing for fire protection, and pad grading/home construction, as expected to occur in the future. These are summarized in Table 3.

Measurable direct impacts would result from the development of TPM 20820 project site. Direct impacts result from the actual removal of habitat, plants, and animals from the site through grading and brushing clearing or thinning for fire protection purposes, agriculture, etc. These direct impacts are considered permanent, because they result in a conversion of habitats to landscaped areas, structures, roads, etc. Indirect impacts also affect plants, animals, and habitats that occur on or near the project site. These are not the direct result of grading or development. Examples of indirect impacts include introduction of exotic species, human or pet intrusions into natural areas, lighting, traffic, and noise. Indirect impacts are often called "edge effects".

An impact analysis associated with the various onsite habitats is presented in tabular format in Table 3. This analysis assumes that the parcels are developed in the future as currently proposed, with homes on the pads shown on the preliminary grading plans.

#### **Direct Impacts**

Future development of the TPM 20820 project site, as presently proposed, could result in the direct impacts that follow. The numbers below were derived by calculating the acreage of the proposed roads, driveways, leach fields, pads, and fire clearing areas, and the adoption of an onsite open space easement, as discussed subsequently:

- (1) Up to 5.4 acres of intact and disturbed Chamise Chaparral (CC) would likely be impacted as a result of site development. The loss of this habitat is considered "significant", as defined by CEQA. Mitigation for this loss is required under CEQA and the RPO.
- (2) Up to 1.0 acre of intact and disturbed Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS) would likely be impacted as a result of site development. The loss of this habitat is considered "significant", as defined by CEQA. Mitigation for this loss is required under CEQA and the RPO.
- (3) Up to 3.6 acres of Coastal Sage Chaparral Scrub (CSCS) would likely be impacted as a result of site development. The loss of this habitat is considered "significant", as defined by CEQA. Mitigation for this loss is required under CEQA and the RPO.
- (4) Impacts to Southern Willow Scrub (SWS), Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest (SCLORF), and Tamarisk Scrub can be avoided by design. As proposed, assuming the adoption of an open space easement, the impacts to these sensitive wetland habitats will be "less than significant", as defined by CEQA. Specific mitigation is required under CEQA and the RPO.
- (5) Up to 0.9 acre of Non-native Grassland could be impacted as a result of site development. The loss of this habitat is considered "less than significant", as defined by CEQA. However, the County requires mitigation for this loss pursuant to CEQA.
- (6) Impacts to Disturbed Habitat, and Urban/Developed Habitat are considered "less than significant", as defined by CEQA and the RPO. Mitigation for the loss of these habitats is not required.
- (7) Development will result in the direct loss of occupied habitat for several sensitive species, including Turkey Vulture, Bewick's Wren, Bobcat, Orange-throated Whiptail, Coastal Whiptail, and San Diego Coast Horned Lizard. Also lost will be habitat presumably supporting various other sensitive species. The loss of sensitive species in the aggregate is considered "significant", as defined by CEQA. However, habitat-based mitigation will be provided for this impact (indirectly) through protection of native vegetation that theoretically supports these species, pursuant to County policy.
- (8) Impacts to local wildlife corridors are considered "less than significant". This is because the project as proposed retains corridor function adjacent to local water supplies along the northern and southern portions of the property.

#### **Indirect Impacts**

Indirect impacts resulting from changes in land use are anticipated. These are primarily edge effects impacting natural areas and adjoining offsite areas. The uses of trails through and along open space areas are one type of edge effect. Other edge effects include lighting or drainage discharge into natural areas, domestic pets that roam into the habitat, etc. Indirect impacts associated with site development (primarily edge effects due to fragmentation of the habitat) are considered "less than significant." This is because most areas adjoining the proposed development portion of the site are currently developed in a manner similar to that being proposed. Therefore, edge effects from existing development have already degraded the habitat to a degree.

#### **Cumulative Impacts**

According to Section 15130(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, cumulative impacts must be discussed when project impacts, even though individually limited, are cumulatively considerable. Cumulatively considerable means the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, other current projects, and probable future projects.

At this time, the majority of the TPM 20820 project site supports native chaparral and other native habitats (CSCS, CSS, and NNG) of varying habitat values. Several dirt grove roads occur within native habitat. These dirt roads were used to access agricultural areas in the past. One home is located on the site.

As part of the proposed TPM 20820 project, three new residential pads and driveways would be constructed. A temporary security guard residence and septic fields are also proposed for the northern portion of the site on proposed Parcel 2. All of the proposed residence sites (other than the temporary security guard residence) would take direct access off the extension off Calle de Vista. An existing home is present on proposed parcel 3. No new improvements are proposed for this parcel. In total, the new improvements, including brush management, will result in impacts to approximately 1 acre of CSS, 3.6 acres of CSCS, 5.4 acres of CC, and 0.9 acres of NNG

If the TPM 20820 project was not approved, direct impacts to native habitats could be avoided, and no incremental (albeit very minor) contribution to the regional cumulative resource loss would be realized. However indirect impacts could still degrade the habitat as a result of "edge effects". This is due to the fact that the development area of the site adjoins existing rural residential development, the owner of this property could clear up to 5 acres of habitat without any permits, so long as wetland areas were avoided. Although build-out of all near-term projects would clearly result in cumulative biological impacts, the small size of the development area of this site would limit impacts from a regional perspective. Therefore cumulative impacts associated with TPM 20820 are considered "less than significant".

The following findings relate to the TPM 20820 project's contribution to the regional cumulative resource loss:

- 1. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- RESPONSE: The 20820 project will not have any <u>substantial</u> adverse effect on any candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Although several sensitive species are present onsite, the effects of project implementation on these species are measurably minor, with full mitigation being provided in compliance with County, state, and federal policy.
- 2. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- RESPONSE: The TPM 20820 project will not have any <u>substantial</u> adverse effect on any riparian habitat. It will have an adverse (but <u>minor</u> effect) on four upland habitats: Coastal Sage Scrub, Non-native Grassland, Chamise Chaparral, and Coastal Sage Chaparral Scrub. Onsite mitigation will be provided to adequately compensate for the adverse effect of site development.
- 3. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act through direct removal filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- RESPONSE: The TPM 20820 project does <u>not support</u> any federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Therefore, no wetland impacts will be realized.
- 4. Would the project conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources?
- RESPONSE: The TPM 20820 project does <u>not</u> conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources. Any project impacts that result in a loss of biological resource values will be mitigated for in full compliance with the County's Resource Protection Ordinance, the Habitat Loss Permit ordinance, and any other relevant policies or ordinances relating to biological resources.
- 5. Would the project conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?
- RESPONSE: The TPM 20820 project does <u>not</u> conflict with any provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plans. The County is currently preparing a Subarea NCCP plan for the

area surrounding and including this property. This plan does not identify the development areas of the TPM 20766RPL1 project site as being subject to habitat conservation. The proposed development of this site will therefore be in full compliance with this or any other future habitat conservation plan insofar as all project impacts are mitigated to the full extent feasible.

6. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?

RESPONSE: The TPM 20820 project does <u>not</u> have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable. This is because all impacts are relatively minor, and fully mitigated onsite in compliance with County policy, CEQA, and the Resource Protection Ordinance.

#### **MITIGATION**

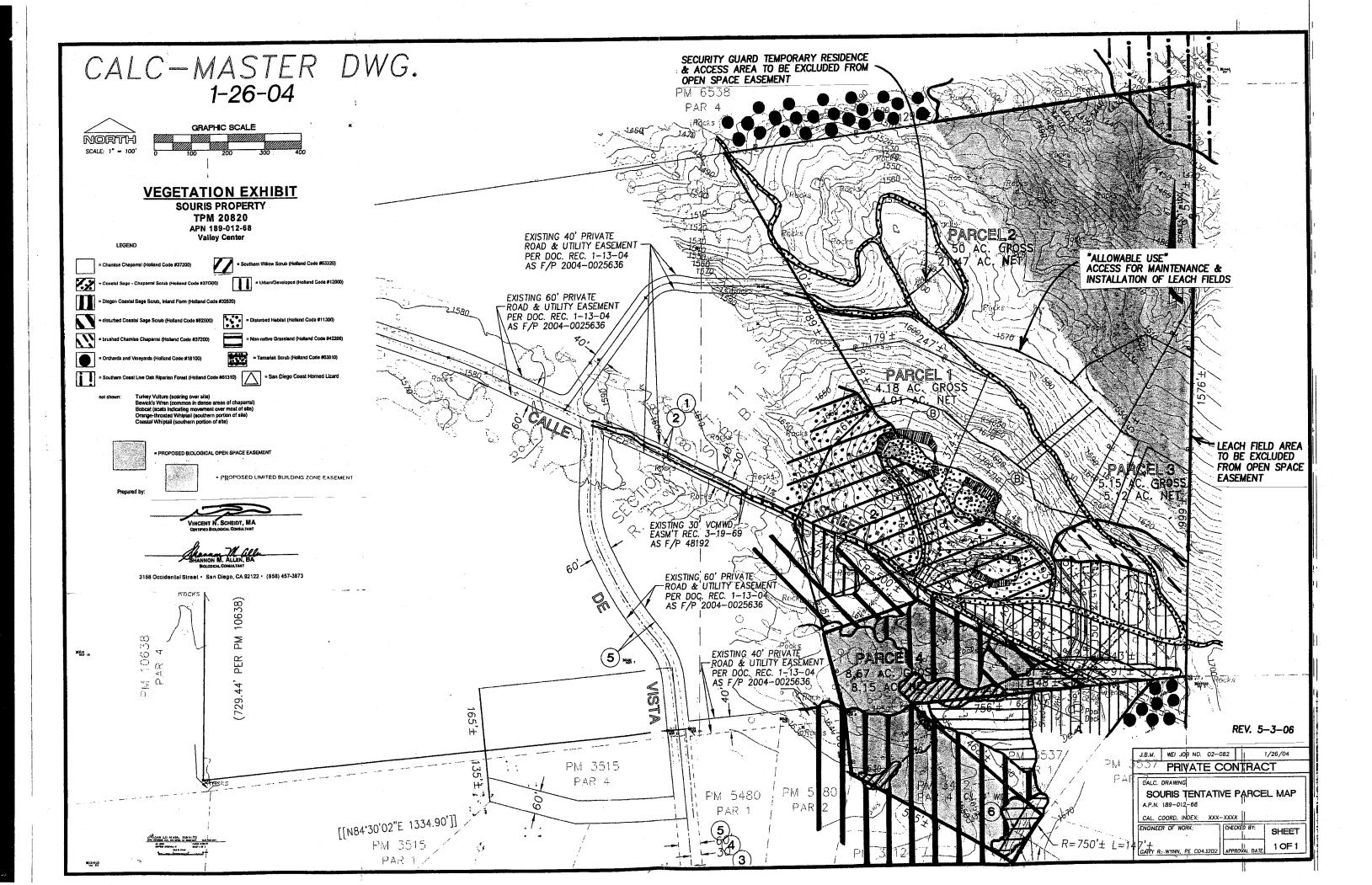
Development of the TPM 20820 property will result in a direct loss of sensitive habitat, as defined by CEQA and the RPO (Table 3). Mitigation is thus required to ensure that there is no loss of sensitive habitat values or degradation of significant natural areas as a result of future site improvement. To that end, it is recommended that a portion of the property be placed into perpetual protection within a **Dedicated Biological Open Space Easement** (Figure 2) intended to preclude the removal or addition of any thing, including structures and vegetation. This easement should be fenced and/or clearly marked with high visibility markers (at 100-foot intervals) along its length to discourage entry into the natural area. This should limit encroachment from development without impeding wildlife movement within the easement. A **Wetland Buffer** of between 50' and 100' in width is contained within the Biological Open Space Easement. A second **Limited Building Zone Easement (LBZ)**, which provides up to a 100-foot fire clearing structural setback from the edge of the biology open space, should be incorporated into the project design. This easement should prohibit the construction of structures that could require additional fire clearing, etc. The structural setback easement will preclude fire clearing which otherwise might encroach into the biology open space. Table 3 presents an impact/mitigation analysis on a habitat-by-habitat basis, based on the adoption of this easement system.

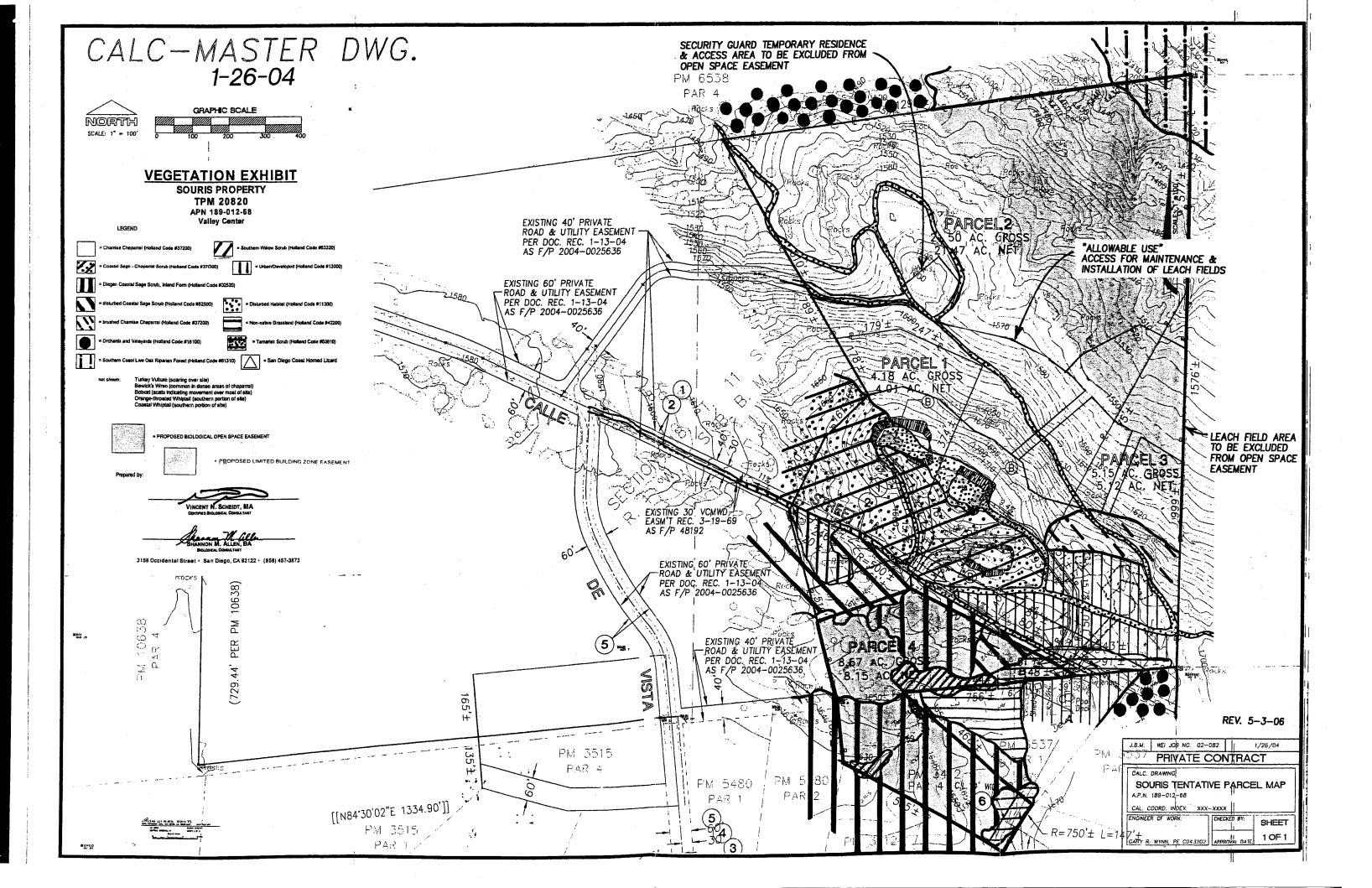
Although the project will impact a total of 10.0 acres of brush-dominated habitat (5.4 acres of CC, 3.6 acres of CSCS, and 1 acre of CSS), it conserves 20.2 acres of similar-functioning habitat in open space, including CC, CSS, NNG, and riparian vegetation. The shortage of ecotonal CSCS required to mitigate "in kind" for impacts to 3.6 acres of that habitat (see Table 3) will be compensated for via the conservation of excess areas of CC and CSS (beyond that required for "in kind" compensation), as well as riparian vegetation, to be placed in the above Dedicated Biological Open Space Easement. This is biologically-sound because the CSCS being impacted is transitional between CC and CSS in species composition, habitat density, and biological functionality. The same species of fauna utilize all three of these habitat-types, as all provide cover and forage for brush-dwelling species. By placing larger areas into open space, the habitat values and functions of the CSCS being impacted are conserved.

Site brushing, grading, and/or the removal of native vegetation or the removal of vegetation within 300 feet of any known migratory songbird nesting location will not be permitted during the spring/summer songbird breeding season, defined as from 15 February to 31 August of each year. This is required in order to ensure compliance with the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which prevents the "take" of eggs, nests, feathers, or other parts of most native bird species. Limiting activities to the non-breeding season will minimize chances for the incidental take of migratory songbirds or raptors. Should it be necessary to conduct brushing, grading, or other construction activities during the songbird breeding season, a preconstruction nesting survey of all areas within 300 feet of the proposed activity will be required. The results of the survey will be provided in a report to the Director, Department of Planning and Land Use and the Wildlife Agencies for concurrence with the conclusions and recommendations.

Pursuant to Habitat Loss Permit Ordinance #8365 of the San Diego County Code, the applicant may be required to obtain a Habitat Loss Permit (HLP) to "cover" impacts to the CSS habitat onsite. The site supports a quantity of this vegetation that would be impacted by development.

# FIGURE 2. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES & OPEN SPACE EASEMENT – TPM 20820, VALLEY CENTER





# TABLE 2. FLORA AND FAUNA DETECTED -TPM 20820 PROJECT

#### Scientific Name

#### Common Name

#### **Plants**

Acacia sp. \*

Adenostoma fasciculatum

Amaranthus albus \*

Ambrosia psilostachya

Amsinckia intermedia

Antirrhinum nuttallianum

Apiastrum angustifolium

Artemisia californica

Avena barbata \*

Baccharis glutinosa

Baccharis pilularis

Baccharis sarothroides

Brassica geniculata \*

Brassica nigra \*

Brickellia californica

Bromus rubens \*

Camissonia bistorta

Carduus tenuiflorus \*

Ceanothus crassifolius

Ceanothus greggii ssp. perplexans

Ceanothus leucodermis

Ceanothus tomentosus
Centaurea melitensis \*

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Centaurium venustum

Cerastium glomeratum \*

Cercocarpus minutiflorus

Chaenactis glabriuscula

Chaenactis artemisiaefolia

Cirsium sp. \*

Cirsium vulgare \*

Clarkia sp.

Clematis sp.

Acacia

Chamise

White Tumbleweed

Western Ragweed

Fiddleneck

Nuttall's Snapdragon

Mock Parsley

California Sagebrush

Slender Wild Oat

Mule Fat

Coyote Brush

**Broom Baccharis** 

Perennial Mustard

Black Mustard

California Brickellbush

Foxtail Brome

Southern Sun Cup

Italian Thistle

Thick-leaved Ceanothus

**Cupleaf Ceanothus** 

Buck-brush Lilac

Ramona Lilac

Tocalote

Canchalagua

Mouse-ear Chickweed

San Diego Mountain Mahogany

Yellow Pincushion

White Pincushion

Thistle

**Bull Thistle** 

Clarkia

Clematis

#### Scientific Name

#### Common Name

#### Plants (cont)

Cneoridium dumosum

Conyza canadensis \*

Cordylanthus filifolius

Corethrogyne filaginifolia var. virgata

Cryptantha intermedia

Cuscuta ceanothi

Cynara cardunculus \*

Cyperus sp. \*

Chaenactis artemisiaefolia

Chamaesyce sp.

Chorizanthe procumbens

Daucus pusillus

Diplacus aurantiacus

Dudleya edulis

Eremocarpus setigerus

Eriastrum filifolium

Eriodictyon crassifolium

Eriogonum fasciculatum

Eriophyllum confertiflorum

Erodium sp.\*

Festuca megalura \*

Filago gallica \*

Galium angustifolium

Gnaphalium californicum

Gnaphalium palustre

Haplopappus squarrosus

Hedypnois cretica \*

Helianthemum scoparium

Heteromeles arbutifolia

Heterotheca grandiflora \*

Hordeum murinum \*

Hypochaeris glabra \*

Spice Bush

Common Horseweed

Chaparral Bird's-beak

Sand Aster

Common Cryptantha

Chaparral Dodder

Wild Artichoke

Sedae

White Pincushion

Spurge

Prostrate Spineflower

Rattlesnake Weed

San Diego Monkeyflower

Edible Dudleya

Dove Weed

Thread-leaf Eriastrum

Hairy-leaf Yerba Santa

Flat-top Buckwheat

Golden Yarrow

Stork's-bill

Foxtail Fescue

Narrow-leaf Filago

Narrow-leaf Bedstraw

California Cudweed

Cudweed

Hazardia

Hedypnois

Rock Rose

Toyon

Telegraph Weed

Wild Barley

Smooth Cat's-tongue

#### Scientific Name

#### Common Name

#### Plants (cont)

Juncus dubius

Lactuca serriola \*

Lessingia filaginifolia var. filaginifolia

Lomatium dasycarpum

Lonicera subspicata

Lotus argophyllus

Lotus purshianus

Lotus scoparius

Malacothamnus fasciculatus

Malosma laurina

Marah macrocarpus

Melilotus sp. \*

Muhlenbergia rigens

Navarretia hamata

Nicotiana glauca \*

Opuntia ficus-indica \*

Opuntia occidentalis

Penstemon spectabilis

Perezia microcephala

Persea americana \*

Phacelia cicutaria hispida

Picris echioides \*

Plagiobothrys sp.

Platanus racemosa

Polypogon monspeliensis \*

Prunus ilicifolia

Quercus agrifolia

Quercus beberidifolia x engelmannii

Quercus berberidifolia

Rhamnus ilicifolia

Rhus ovata

Rumex salicifolius

Doubtful Rush

Wild Lettuce

California Aster

Lomatium

Wild Honeysuckle

Silver Lotus

Spanish Clover

Deerweed

Bushmallow

Laurel Sumac

Man Root

Sweet Clover

Deer Grass

Skunkweed

Tree Tobacco

Indian Fig

Prickly Pear

**Showy Penstemon** 

Sacapellote

Avocado

Caterpillar Phacelia

Bristly Ox-tongue

Popcornflower

California Sycamore

Rabbitfoot Grass

Holly-leaf Cherry

Coast Live Oak

Hybrid Oak

Interior Scrub Oak

Redberry

Sugarbush

California Dock

#### Common Name Scientific Name

#### Plants (cont)

Southwestern Willow Salix gooddingii

Lance-leaf Willow Salix lasiandra

Willow Salix sp.

Salsola pestifer \* Russian Thistle

Chia Salvia columbariae \*

Black Sage Salvia mellifera Elderberry Sambucus mexicanus

Snakeroot Sanicula crassicaulis

Bee Plant Scrophularia californica **Bigelow's Spikemoss** Selaginella bigelovii

Common Catchfly Silene gallica \* Chaparral Nightshade Solanum xanti

Sow Thistle Sonchus asper \*

Sonchus oleraceus \* Sow Thistle Corn Spurry Spergula arvensis \* Stephanomeria Stephanomeria virgata

**Everlasting Nest-straw** 

Stylocline gnapthalioides Salt Cedar Tamarix sp. \*

**Bush Rue** Thalictrum polycarpum Poison Oak Toxicodendron diversilobum Xanthium strumarium \* Cocklebur

Mission Manzanita Xylococcus bicolor Our Lord's Candle Yucca whipplei

#### **Birds**

Scrub Jay Aphelocoma coerulescens

Costa's Hummingbird Archilochus costae

Red-tailed Hawk Buteo jamaicensis Callipepla californica California Quail

Lesser Goldfinch Carduelis psaltria

Housefinch Carpodacus mexicanus

**Turkey Vulture** Cathartes aura

#### Scientific Name

#### Common Name

#### Birds (cont)

Chamaea fasciata

Colaptes auratus

Corvus corax

Corvus brachyrhynchos

Dendroica coronata

Myiarchus cinerascens

Phainopepla nitens

Pipilo erythrophthalmus

Pipilo crissalis

Psaltriparus minimus

Thryomanes bewickii

Toxostoma redivivum

Zenaida macroura

Zonotrichia leucophrys

Wrentit

Common Flicker

Common Raven

Common Crow

Audubon's Warbler

Ash-throated Flycatcher

Phainopepla

Rufous-sided Towhee

California Towhee

**Bushtit** 

Bewick's Wren

California Thrasher

Mourning Dove

White-crowned Sparrow

#### <u>Mammals</u>

Canis latrans

Lynx rufus

Neotoma fuscipes

Spermophilus beecheyi

Sylvilagus audubonii

Thomomys bottae

Urocyon cinereoargenteus

Coyote

**Bobcat** 

**Dusky-footed Woodrat** 

California Ground Squirrel

Desert Cottontail

Valley Pocket Gopher

**Gray Fox** 

#### Reptiles

Cnemidophorus hyperythrus beldingi

Cnemidophorus tigris multiscutatus

Masticophis lateralis

Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillei

Sceloporus occidentalis

Uta stansburiana

**Orange-throated Whiptail** 

**Coastal Whiptail** 

Striped Racer

San Diego Horned Lizard

Western Fence Lizard

Side-blotched Lizard

Scientific Name	<u>Common Name</u>

# **Butterfiles**

Adelpha bredowii californica

Apodemia mormo virgulti

Behr's Metalmark

Artogeia rapae

Cabbage White

Erynnis funeralis

Nymphalis antiopa

Mourning Cloak

Papilio eurymedon

Pontia protodice

California Sister

Behr's Metalmark

Cabbage White

Funereal Duskywing

Mourning Cloak

Pale Swallowtail

Total = 119 species of plants, 41 species of animals detected

<sup>\* =</sup> non-native taxon **bold = sensitive species** 

TABLE 3. IMPACT ANALYSIS: HABITATS: TPM 20820, VALLEY CENTER

Biological Resource	Total Onsite	Impacted	Impact Neutral <sup>1</sup>	Mitigation Required	Conserved <sup>1</sup>
Chamise Chaparral	23.8 acres	5.4 acres	0.8 acres	5.4 acres @ 1:1 (13.0 ac excess <sup>2</sup> )	18.4 acres in open space (77% of habitat)
Coastal Sage - Chaparral Scrub	3.6 acres	3.6 acres	none	<3.6 acres> @ 1:1 (3.6 ac shortage <sup>2</sup> )	none (0% of habitat)
Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub	4.8 acres	1.0 acre	2.0 acres	2.0 acres @ 2:1 (0.2 ac shortage <sup>2</sup> )	1.8 acre in open space (38% of habitat)
Non-native Grassland	1.6 acres	0.9 acre	none	0.5 acre ½:1 (0.2 ac excess²)	0.7 acre in open space (44% of habitat)
Southern Willow Scrub	0.4 acres	none	none	avoidance	0.4 acre in open space (100% of habitat)
Tamarisk Scrub	trace	none	trace	avoidance	trace in open space (100% of habitat)
Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest	0.5 acres	none	none	avoidance	0.5 acres in open space (100% of habitat)
Orchards and Vineyards	none <sup>3</sup>	n/a	none	n/a	n/a
Urban/Developed	2.4 acres	2.4 acres	none	none	n/a
Disturbed Habitat	1.9 acres	1.9 acres	none	none	n/a
Totals	39.0 acres	15.2 acres	2.8 acres		21.8 acres (60% of site)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mitigation provided as calculated excludes the acreages within other easements (road, utility, etc) and wetland buffers (100' for SCLORF and 50' for SWS and Tamarisk Scrub). These areas are considered "impact neutral".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Shortage of CSCS and CSS will be compensated for via the conservation of excess areas of NNG, chaparral, and other habitats to be placed in biological open space.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This habitat is located offsite on lands adjoining the property.

# TABLE 4. SENSITIVE SPECIES KNOWN FROM THE VICINITY - TPM 20820, VALLEY CENTER

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federally Endangered	Federally Threatened	State Threatened	State Rare	<del>-</del>	Mixed Chaparral	7	Riparian		Chamise Chaparral	$\overline{}$	Closed Cone Forest	Piñon-Juniper	Freshwater Marsh	Desert Scrub	Desert Wash	Salt or Alkali Marsh	Vernal Pools	Montane Meadow	Coastal or Desert Dune	┯	Probability of Occurrence
Taxidea taxus	American badger					Х	X	X		<u> </u>	X	Х	_	X		X	X	_		Х	$\bot$		L
Bufo microscaphus californicus	Arroyo toad	Х				Х	Х	X	X	Х	X	$\perp$	_	_			$\perp$		_	X	_	-	L
Amphispiza belli belli	Bell's sage sparrow					Х	Х	_		$\perp$	X	_		_	$\perp$		_	$\perp$			4		М
Nyctinomops macrotis	Big free-tailed bat					Х	Х	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х	X	$\dashv$		М
Elanus caeruleus	Black-shouldered kite							×	Х		_	_			_	_	$\perp$			_		-	М
Rana aurora draytoni	California red -legged frog		Х		_	_		_	Х	_	_		$\perp$	$\dashv$	X	_		_		X	$\bot$	-	L
Clarkia delicata	Campo Clarkia				_				_	х				_		_				4	_		L
Nolina cismontana	Chaparral beargrass						Х				X	$\perp$	_			$\perp$				_	$\dashv$		L
Salvadora hexalepis virgultea	Coast patch-nosed snake					X	Х				Х			X			_			_	_	-	М
Charina trivirgata roseofusca	Coastal rosy boa					X	Χ		$\perp$	Х	Х		_							_	_	-	М
Cnemidophorus tigris multiscutatus	Coastal western whiptail						Х		Х	_	Х		_			_	_				_		0
Accipiter cooperii	Cooper's hawk				$\Box$			X	Х	X				_				_	_		$\bot$		M
Piperia cooperi	Cooper's rein orchid					X	X	Х		_	X			$\perp$							$\bot$		니
Chaetodipus californicus femoralis	Dulzura California pocket mouse					Х	Х	X		X	X	Х		_							4		М
Quercus engelmannii	Engelmann oak								Х	Х	_		_								$\dashv$		М
Monardella hypoleuca lanata	Felt leaved rock mint				_		Х				X			_		_					$\dashv$	-	L
Polygala cornuta fishiae	Fish's milkwort						Х		_	_	×	$\perp$								_	_	_	L
Myotis thysanodes	Fringed myotis						Х		X	X	$\rightarrow$	X	Х	X		_				Х	$\dashv$	-	М
Senecio ganderi	Gander's butterweed				X		Х				X										4	-+	L
Aquila chrysaetos	Golden eagle					Х	Х		_	Х	X	Х	Х	Х						_	_		L
Ammodramus savannarum	Grasshopper sparrow							Х		_				$\perp$		$\perp$					$\bot$	-	L
Eumops perotis californicus	Greater western mastiff bat					X	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	X	$\perp$	_	М
Eremophila alpestris actis	Horned lark							Х												Х	$\dashv$	-	М
Lanius Iudovicianus	Loggerhead shrike					X		Х	X	X						X	Х				$\dashv$	-	М
Myotis evotis	Long eared myotis						Х		X	×	_	Х	X							Х		-	М
Myotis volans	Long legged myotis						Х		Х	×	_	X	Х	Х						Х	$\dashv$	$\dashv$	М
Perognathus longimembris brevisasus	Los Angeles little pocket mouse					Х	Х				X	Х		_							X		L
Danaus plexippus	Monarch butterfly	<u> </u>		L		Ш		Х		X	_									Х	$\dashv$	-	M
Felis concolor	Mountain lion				Ш	Х	Х		Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х			Х	$\dashv$	$\dashv$	L
Piperia leptopetala	Narrow-petaled rein orchid					Х	Х	X			_	_									_	4	L
Crotalus ruber ruber	Northern red diamond rattlesnake					Х	Х		_		X	_		X		Х					_	4	M
Cnemidophorus hyperythrus	Orange-throated whiptail	<u> </u>				Х	Х	Х	Х		X											$\bot$	0

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Brodiaea orcuttii	Orcutt's brodiaea	<u> </u>		_				X			X	+		$\perp$	$\dashv$	ᆡ		_	Х		+	L.	
Antrozous pallidus	Pallid bat					Х	Х	X	Х	-+		X	Х	X	_	Х	Х	_		X	+	N.	
Harpagonella palmeri	Palmer's grappling hook				L	Х		X			X	4	4	4	4	_			_	$\dashv$	-	<u>                                     </u>	-
Tetracoccus dioicus	Parry's tetracoccus					Щ	Х	_	_		<u> </u>	1	4	4	$\dashv$		_		_	_	-	L	-
Chorizanthe leptotheca	Peninsular spine flower						Х	_	4		×	4	4	4	4	_	_				4	L	
Nyctinomops femorosaccus	Pocketed free-tailed bat					X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X	Х	Х			
Horkelia truncata	Ramona horkelia				_		X		4	$\perp$	$\perp$	_	_	_		_						L	_
Buteo lineatus	Red-shouldered hawk	<u> </u>						_	X	X			$\perp$	_			_				$\dashv$	N	-
Bassariscus astutus	Ringtail		L				Х		_		X	$\perp$	_	$\perp$					_			L	-
Aimophila ruficeps canescens	Rufous-crowned sparrow	<u> </u>				X					X	_	_	$\downarrow$		_				_		N	
Coleonyx variegatus abbotti	San Diego banded gecko					Х		X			X	4	_	_	$\perp$	_			_	_		N	_
Lepus californicus bennettii	San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit					X	X	X	$\perp$		_	<u>X</u>	X	$\perp$			_					—	1
Neotoma lepida intermedia	San Diego desert woodrat		<u> </u>			Х			_		X	1	$\bot$	_	_	_				_	$\perp$	_ N	$\dashv$
Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillei	San Diego horned lizard					X	×	Х	X	-		X	┸	_								\ <u>C</u>	
Diadophis punctatus similis	San Diego ringneck snake		L			Х	Х		X			-	X	4								<u> </u>	-
Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned hawk			L		X			_	X		X	_	4	_					_	$\bot$	-	N
Anniella pulchra pulchra	Silvery legless lizard	L				X		Х	X			_	_							_	X	—	И
Myotis ciliolabrum	Small-footed myotis		ļ				Х			X	X	X	Х	Х			Х			X	$\bot$		M
Thamnophis sirtalis ssp. Novum	South Coast garter snake					Ш			Х	$\perp$		_	$\perp$		X					_	$\perp$	L	-
Onychomys torridus ramona	Southern grasshopper mouse					X	Х	_X			X		_	4								L	$\dashv$
Chamaebatia australis	Southern mountain misery		<u> </u>				Х	$\Box$	$\perp$		X		_						Ш			L	_
Odocoileus hemionus	Southern mule deer	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			X	X	X	X	×	X	Х	X	X		Х	Х			Х		V	
Dipodomys stephensi	Stephen's kangaroo rat	X		X		X		X								_						L	_
Corynorhinus townsendii	Townsend's big-eared bat	<u> </u>					Х	X	-	Х	X	X	X	X		X	Х			Х		1	VI
Agelaius tricolor	Tricolored blackbird		<u> </u>			Ш		Х	X		_ _	$\perp$	_	$\perp$	Х						$\bot$	<u>  L</u>	-
Cathartes aura	Turkey vulture	<u> </u>	<u>L</u>	_	<u> </u>	X	X	Х	$\rightarrow$		X	X	X	$\perp$	_			<u> </u>	Щ	_			2
Sialia mexicana	Western bluebird			L	_	$\Box$			_	Х		$\perp$	_	_				<u> </u>				_	VI
Lasiurus blossevillii	Western red bat				<u>L</u>	$oxed{oxed}$				X		X	X	_						Х	$\bot$		VI
Icteria virens	Yellow-breasted chat	_	<u> </u>		L	<u>                                      </u>			X	$\perp$	_	4	$\perp$	4	_					_	$\perp$		M
Myotis yumanensis	Yuma myotis					Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	X			Х	X	Х		X N	И

#### PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE CODES FOR TABLE 4

L – Low Probability; rare species in area, and no significant habitat (animals), *or* distinctive perennial that would not have been missed if present onsite (plants). Most of these species occur on habitat not found on the TPM 20820 site, including vernal pools, native grasslands, mafic soils, etc. California Red-legged Frogs and Tricolored Blackbird are two examples of species that fit into this category. Both are very rare in southern California.

**M** – Moderate Probability; could be expected to occur onsite on at least an occasional basis, based on habitat quality (animals), *or* could occur onsite, but rare, and/or poorly known (plants). Most of these species occur in habitat similar to that found onsite, although they may or may not utilize the TPM 20820 property. Native bats and uncommon but cryptic reptiles are examples of species that have a moderate probability of occurring onsite.

**H** – High Probability; certain to occur onsite on a regular basis (animals), but cryptic, *or* ephemeral species known from the immediate vicinity, but seasonal in occurrence (plants). Most of these species are expected to use the site, but are difficult to reliably detect. Examples include various fossorial reptiles, wide-ranging predators, etc.

O - Observed; see text for detailed discussion.

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